

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

RECOMMENDATION

MONTHLY REPORT
EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for June 19, 2012 and the Minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

SUMMARY

The primary items for the June 19, 2012 Educational Policies Committee meeting include: (1) Emeritus Faculty Recommendations, (2) Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers, (3) Academic Retirements/Separations, (4) Faculty Appointments, (5) Faculty Reappointments, (6) Faculty Tenure Appointments, (7) Faculty Promotions, (8) Lecturer Promotions, (9) Charter Schools Board Appointments, (10) Renewal of Charter School Contracts for Great Lakes Academy and Academy for Business and Technology, (11) Authorization to Process New Charter School Applications, (12) Institutional Accreditation Process, (13) Program Deletions, (14) Program Approval: Physician's Assistant Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact of the actions taken is listed in the appropriate sections and in the Board minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer
Provost and Vice President

6/4/12

Date

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Board of Regents
Educational Policies Committee

June 19, 2012
9:00 – 9:45 p.m.
205 Welch Hall

Minutes (*Regent Sidlik*)

Monthly Report (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Consent Agenda Items

Emeritus Faculty Recommendations (*Rhonda Longworth*)
Academic Affairs Administrative/Professional Appointments/Transfers (*David Woike*)
Academic Retirements/Separations (*David Woike*)
Faculty Appointments (*David Woike*)
Faculty Reappointments (*David Woike*)
Faculty Tenure Appointments (*David Woike*)
Faculty Promotions (*David Woike*)
Lecturer Promotions (*David Woike*)

Regular Agenda Items

Charter Schools Board Appointments (*Malverne Winborne*)
Renewal of Charter School Contracts for Great Lakes Academy and Academy for Business and Technology (*Malverne Winborne*)
Authorization to Process new Charter School Applications (*Malverne Winborne*)
Institutional Accreditation Process (*Rhonda Longworth*)
Program Deletions (*Rhonda Longworth*)
Program Approval: Physician's Assistant Program (*Rhonda Longworth*)

Discussion Topic

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF REGENTS

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2012
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
205 Welch Hall

Attendees: (seated at tables) J. Carroll, C. Karshin, R. Longworth, M. Nair, Regent Parker, Provost Schatzel, Regent Sidlik (Chair), M. Winborne, D. Woike

Guests: (as signed in) T. Fulton, D. Mielke, G. Ward

Regent Sidlik convened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Report and Minutes (Section 14)

Regent Sidlik requested that the Educational Policies Committee Agenda for April 17, 2012 and the Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting be received and placed on file.

Dr. Rhonda Longworth continued with the monthly report of University Objectives.

University Objective – Program Sustainability and Review

The President's Council is currently reviewing the remaining nine programs planned for deletion. These programs will be submitted to the Regents for their approval at the June meeting; one addition (Physician Assistant program) will also be presented for approval in June.

University Objective – New Programs

Murali Nair, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and Christine Karshin, Director, School of Health Promotion and Human Performance provided an update about the Physician Assistant (PA) Program. Regent Sidlik questioned enrollment limits established in the PA program, and possibly building capacity into the program. The Board does not want qualified students turned away from the program. The Board fully supports the program and will provide the additional faculty and facility space to get this program to this desired level. Dr. Karshin explained that the clinical rotations and accreditation demands influence the number of students in a cohort. Forty students per cohort is the standard in Michigan and around the nation.

In February, EMU representatives met with staff at St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, to discuss partnering to accommodate the PA Clinical Rotations. There is a follow up meeting schedule for May 24, 2012. In addition to St. Joseph's Mercy, there is interest in partnering with other health systems in the area. St. Joseph's Mercy will provide 49 of the 50 clinical rotations, and will help in finding a facility for the inpatient pediatric clinical rotation. Dr. Karshin and Dean Nair were encouraged by the Regents to reach out to other health systems/hospitals for clinical rotation partnerships.

Jay Pederson has been named as Program Director (named as director, but not officially hired). He has 10 years PA experience, and also has academic experience as a faculty member at the University of Toledo.

Diane Jones, and LaWaun Hance, both physician assistants for 25 years, were recently hired as consultants to the EMU PA program They provide assistance in preparing the conditional accreditation application and subsequent site visit.

The next steps are to hire a medical director, and clinical coordinator/faculty member. Regent Parker requested to review the medical director requirements. The program curriculum will be considered by the EMU input system in the next 2-3 weeks, to Provost Schatzel in May, the President's Council for their June meeting, then to the Board at the June meeting.

University Objective – Retention, Graduation and Academic Probation Rates

There were no changes to the data since the February Board meeting.

University Objective – Headcount and Enrollment Data

Because of the potential impact of changes in Federal Financial Aid regulations, the spring/summer terms are now classified as one summer semester. Currently Summer A up 3% from spring 2011. Fall is up by 6% over Fall 2011. Provost Schatzel says these fall numbers are very tentative.

Emeritus Faculty Status (Section 8)

Rhonda Longworth, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Programming and Support, recommended that the Board of Regents grant Emeritus Faculty Status to three (3) former faculty members: Dr. Krishnaswamy Rengan, Professor, Department of Chemistry; Dr. Lynn Rocklage, Professor, Department of Special Education; and Dr. John L. Waltman, Professor, Department of Management.

2012-2013 Sabbatical Leave Awards (Section 15)

Dr. James Carroll, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research and Administration and Interim Dean of the Graduate School, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on 2012-2013 Sabbatical Leaves as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

Summer 2012, Fall 2012, and first round of Winter 2013 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships (Section 16)

Dr. James Carroll, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research and Administration and Interim Dean of the Graduate School, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on the Summer 2012, Fall 2012, and first round of Winter 2013 Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowships as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

Summer 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards (Section 17)

Dr. James Carroll, Interim Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research and Administration and Interim Dean of the Graduate School, recommended that the Board of Regents accept and place on file the Report on Summer 2012 Undergraduate Research Stimulus Program Awards as shown on the listing provided to the Board.

Adoption of Public School Academy Board of Director Method of Selection Resolution (Section 18)

Malverne Winborne, Director, Charter Schools, recommended that the Board of Regents adopt the resolution outlining a revised method of selecting board of directors of public school academies, schools of excellence and strict discipline academies as provided to the Board.

Special Topic Discussion “Charter Schools Update on Phase I Application Process”

The Phase I applications for new Charter Schools were submitted during March. The Charter Schools office received 21 new applications. It is currently reviewing the applications for recommendations to proceed to the Phase II application. Charter Schools’ goal is to approve four to five new charter schools.

Special Topic Discussion “Professional Model of Advising”

Dr. Longworth provided an update on Advising. She acknowledged the concerns of Student Government President Jelani McGadney, and his role in helping to identify the key challenges with student advising. The following items are, or will be, implemented to improve student advising:

1. Comprehensive review of the catalog; it will be the standard for advising.
2. Eliminate the department level generation of advisor sheets; they will only be generated from the catalog.
3. Develop course planning guide, tells when courses are offered in the departments by semester.
4. University-wide master scheduling; tells when courses are offered for the entire university.

Also under consideration are note-taking and client management systems for consistency in communication from first contact as a prospect through admission, attendance, graduation, and alumni status. Dr. Longworth explained that her subcommittee worked on an advising communication schedule with students to keep them on track to graduation. A timeline for graduation in four years was developed and is being communicated to incoming freshman through FastTrack.

Committee Assignments and Follow-Up

Rhonda Longworth:

- Written work plan for Advising

Murali Nair & Christine Karshin

- Regent Parker requested to review the medical director requirements

Regent Sidlik thanked those in attendance, and adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robertta Goffeney, Administrative Secretary
Academic Affairs